

HON. JOHN EDWIN BOOTH, who for two terms was mayor of Spanish Fork, 1928-31, is a former state commander of the American Legion in Utah and now a member of the State Senate. Senator Booth is a successful business man who has obeyed the impulses to generous public service, and his name and activities are frequently mentioned in the state press.

He was born at Spanish Fork, June 1, 1895, son of Charles W. and Annie L. (Beale) Booth. His father was born in Leicester, England, came to the United States about 1882 and for several years was with one of the great shoe factories at Lynn, Massachusetts. He came to Utah in 1885, and for many years was a merchant at Spanish Fork, and became a high counselor of the Latter Day Saints Church. He was the first chief of the Spanish Fork Fire Department. He and his wife were married in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born in London, England, and died in 1908.

John Edwin Booth attended school at Spanish Fork, graduated from high school in 1913, and in April, 1915, completed the course in the School of Pharmacy of the University of California. He was licensed as a registered pharmacist in California in April, 1915, in Utah in July of the same year and, returning to Spanish Fork, became financially interested in the City Drug Store. In August, 1917, he bought the World Drug Company, of which he has since been owner and manager. He is a member of the Utah Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Booth in July, 1918, joined the United States Army and was sent to Camp Lewis, Washington. He was medical sergeant in the Thirty-seventh Field Artillery until honorably discharged January 21, 1919. He took a prominent part in starting American Legion work in Utah. He helped organize and became a charter member of the Spanish Fork Post No. 68, and was elected first commander and held that office three terms. In 1925 he was elected state commander of the Utah Department of the American Legion. From 1922 to 1926 he was the national committeeman of the American Legion of Utah and for six years, from 1924, was one of the fifteen men in the United States who served on the Americanization Committee of the Legion.

He was first elected mayor of Spanish Fork in November, 1927, and rounded out his two terms in that office in 1931. *p121*



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Mayor of Provo City When System of Waterworks
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Since June, 1929, Mr. Booth has devoted much time to his interests as a poultry rancher. He is president of the local Utah Poultry Association. He owns one of the largest poultry ranches in this district, and in the spring of 1930 brooded 20,000 chicks. He is a director of the Bank of Spanish Fork, a director of the Spanish Fork Building & Loan Association, is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Latter Day Saints Church.

In 1929 Governor Dern selected him as a member of the committee to locate the site for the Utah State Training School for the Feeble Minded, and on May 5, 1930, the governor appointed him for a four year term as a trustee of the school. On August 17, 1929, he was elected president of the State Municipal League, and is a charter member of the American Taxpayers League. For the past four years he has been president of the Central Utah Baseball League.

In November, 1930, he was elected a member of the State Senate, representing Utah County. During the 1931 session of the Legislature he was chairman of the state and municipal affairs committee, and a member of the judiciary and appropriations committees.

Senator Booth married, November 21, 1917, Miss Beatrice J. McKell, daughter of Joseph G. McKell, of Spanish Fork. They have one daughter, Helen, born May 18, 1922.

JOHN RILEY STEWART. Prominent among the leading representatives of the farming and cattle and sheep raising industries in Wayne County is John Riley Stewart, who now operates in the vicinity of Loa, where he is the owner of a large and valuable property. Mr. Stewart has been a resident of this county since he was eleven years of age, and has watched the country grow and develop, having been himself a material contributor to its welfare and prosperity as a churchman and citizen.

Mr. Stewart was born August 27, 1873, at Beaver, Utah, and is a son of Urban Van and Ellen (Adams) Stewart. Urban Van Stewart was born in Overton County, Tennessee, November 9, 1817, a son of William and Elizabeth (Van Hooser) Stewart, the latter of whom was born either in New York State or in Southern Illinois, where her parents moved from New York. William Stewart was born in Yadkin County, North Carolina, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Gilbert) Stewart, Joseph Stewart taking the family to Overton County. William Stewart first married Rebecca Luellen and moved to Iowa, where he reared a family, of whom Urban Van and his brothers Levi and Jackson came to Utah.

Urban Van Stewart arrived in Utah in September, 1847, coming by wagon train and bringing with him provisions for eighteen months as well as farm machinery. He was at that time a married man and in all acquired five wives and became the father of thirty-three children, but while he lived in polygamy for many years after that institution was abolished and made unlawful, he was never molested by the authorities, chiefly because of his high character and upright life. His fourth wife, Ellen Adams Stewart, the mother of John Riley Stewart, was of Red Point, Northumber-